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when they are necks of dresses are always improved by a bit of fine neckwear. Real lace collars of Venise, Limrick, rose point, Duchess, Point Rosline, Irish and Carrickmacross are dainty gifts and range in price from \$2.79 to \$25.75.

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so fashionable with suits, may be had with or without collars. Trimmed with imitation and real laces, filet, Irish, hand embroidered with long gimpes in gilet style, \$1.49 to \$24.75.

Evening scarfs of silk net and beads, \$12.89 to \$49.50.
Batik scarfs, \$8.29.
Spanish lace scarfs, \$1.98 to \$34.75.
Scarfs from Switzerland, \$8.89 to \$19.89.

Mexico Reports Mediation Offer From Uruguay

Story That Southern Nation Seeks to Act as Arbitrator in Clashes With U. S. Lacks Confirmation

Legations Not Notified

Similar Rumors of Intervention Heard When Jenkins Episode Was Acute

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (By The Associated Press).—Gabriel Terra, the Uruguayan Minister of Foreign Relations, has offered the services of his country as mediator in the difficulties between Mexico and the United States, according to advices received to-day by the Mexican Foreign Relations Department here from Mexican Charge d'Affaires Enriquez at Montevideo.

A statement was given out by the Foreign Office last night to the effect that, contrary to intimations of some newspapers in the United States, the second note of the American government with regard to the case of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Pueblo, would be answered with the courtesy which always has characterized Mexican diplomatic communications.

Legation Also Uninformed

The Uruguayan Legation also was without information on the reported offer. Whether such a suggestion could be advanced through the channel or through the United States Minister at Montevideo, as the Mexican report indicated was done with relation to Mexico, was not clear.

In connection with the probable attitude of the Washington government should a mediation proposal be received, it was recalled that recently, when relations between Mexico and the United States were apparently close to the breaking point over the case of American Consular Agent Jenkins at Pueblo, Mexico, and the pending reminder of Latin-American intervention with mediation proposals were about. Nothing definite ever came of them. But at that time some officials at the position of the United States would be to accept only in case the mediating powers were ready if necessary to put armed forces into Mexico to protect Americans and American interests there during the tendency of the negotiations.

Mediation Previously Rumored

Advices from Santiago, Chile, on November 29, reported the "Nation" saying it had learned from well informed diplomatic circles that there was possibility of mediation by the governments of the A. B. C. group—Argentina, Brazil and Chile—with the object of composing the difficulties between the United States and Mexico over the case of Mr. Jenkins.

The offer of the Uruguayan government is the first indication that any south American government, aside from the A. B. C. powers, might take steps to adjust the differences between the United States and the southern republic.

Hugo Says Villa Is No Barbarian

Bandit Chief Treated Him Fairly, and Has Some Admirable Qualities

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 16.—Fred G. Hugo, of Eagle Pass, manager of the J. M. Hobie ranch, near Muzquiz, Mexican state of Coahuila, said to-day he "suffered no hardships and had no reason to complain," in connection with his detention by the Villista force that raided Muzquiz a week ago. Hugo reached here late last night.

His release, Hugo said, was effected on the promise that he would not say where he was taken nor under what conditions he was released. He did not deny the report that he was released without payment of \$10,000 ransom originally demanded.

"I was treated like one of the party and became really favorably impressed with Pancho Villa, who was in personal command of the force," Hugo said. "Villa conducted his operations in an orderly and systematic manner and his men are under strict discipline."

Villa Talks of His Plans
Hugo, who told of several conversations with the revolutionary chieftain, declared Villa "was in perfect physical condition," and still wore a mustache, but had no beard.

Establishment of a new civil government in Mexico and not a military one, is the ambition of Villa, he told Hugo, in explaining his ideas of government.

Hugo ate his meals with Villa, the ranchman said, and the men in Villa's force had the same grade of food as their commander.

"He invited me to come down and have Christmas dinner with him," Hugo added.

In telling of his capture by the Villistas, Hugo said:

"I was asleep in the ranch home when I was aroused to find myself peering into a gun. My room had been pointed out to the Villistas by a ranch hand under force of arms."

Keeps Word With Bandit

Hugo refused to go into details concerning movement of the rebel force while he was a captive, as he had given his word to remain silent on this phase. "Pancho Villa has traits I could not help but admire," Hugo continued. "When he talks to you he looks squarely in the eyes and leaves no doubt in your mind but that he means business. Although he has no education, he is a man of good common sense, and he impressed me as being of firm character."

Hugo said Villa keeps a check on all property taken by his force, recording it in a book "and he sees that every man gets a square deal."

Cabrera Predicts "New Conflict" on Oil Issue

Refusal of Government to Permit New Wells To Be Sunk Basis of Anticipated Split

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 16.—Sunday's "El Universal," of Mexico City, says Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury, "makes the alarming prediction" that the "new conflict which will arise between the United States and Mexico will be due to the refusal of the (Mexican) government to permit petroleum companies to drill new wells."

Declaring that Cabrera's "prophecy" is probably correct, the newspaper says that, failing in the "Jenkins case to get results," the enemies of Mexico have complained to the American Congress against the action of President Carranza in restricting drilling of new wells.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (By The Associated Press).—The United States-Mexican international situation has a parallel in the fable of the wolf and the sheep, in which the wolf at the head of a stream accuses the sheep below him of muddying the water, according to a statement issued to-night by Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury and government spokesman.

An emphatic denial is made by Cabrera of charges contained in newspaper dispatches received in Mexico City, that he is favoring the British at the expense of American interests. Branding charges of "interventionist press" as part of an international political scheme, Señor Cabrera declares them utterly false.

The statement makes specific mention of charges of favoritism to the British with regard to the return of the railways to their owners, oil concessions and cotton shipments; the proposed visit of the Minister of Finance to London; the visit to Mexico of Major Howard

and Brigadier General Alfred C. Critchley, of the Canadian Air Forces, and their conferences with Norman King, the British Consul General at Mexico City, together with an intimation, which Señor Cabrera declares to be false, that an attempt is being made to secure British support in the controversy with the United States over the killing and kidnapping of American citizens.

The interventionist press, according to Señor Cabrera, misinterprets Mexico's resumption of relations with the European nations. He declares that during the war Mexico's international relations of necessity were concerned mainly with the United States, but that after the conclusion of peace a resumption of relations with other powers was a natural procedure, which should be regarded as an inspiration for confidence in the United States instead of a subject for unfounded conjectures that an anti-American motive inspires the move.

Señor Cabrera likewise mentions the Monroe Doctrine relative to the "interventionist press" charges in connection with Mexico's European relations, asserting that the interventionists tacitly assume Latin America south of Mexico as a United States sphere of expansion.

General Critchley stated to the correspondent upon his arrival in Mexico City a week ago that he expected to stay about ten days in the capital, later leaving for a trip to Chihuahua. Major Howard is a former resident of Mexico, residing here about five years prior to the late war.

Fall Called by Lansing For Parley on Mexico

Senator Says He Agreed With Fletcher on Resolution to Break Off All Relations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Fall of New Mexico, chairman of the sub-committee investigating Mexican affairs for the Foreign Relations Committee, in a report to the main committee made public to-day, says he returned from the border on the understanding that Secretary Lansing and other officials of the State Department believed his presence in Washington necessary to get action in Congress to sustain the stand taken by the department in the controversy over the imprisonment of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Pueblo.

In his report Senator Fall says that on his arrival in Washington he conferred with Secretary Lansing at the latter's home, where they agreed on their attitude toward Mexico, and on the action to be taken.

It was understood, the report says, that possibly one or more resolutions

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should be introduced to deal with Mexico. To decide on the nature of the resolutions, Senator Fall says, Secretary Lansing appointed Ambassador Fletcher to confer with the Senator. These two men selected the resolution calling upon the President to break off relations with Mexico, which Mr. Wilson subsequently quashed by saying, in a letter to Senator Fall, that he would view its passage by Congress "with grave concern," as an infringement on the right of the executive to maintain the initiative in international relations.

Carranza Calls Governors To Plan Curb on Bandits

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9.—Governors of all the states of Mexico have been summoned to meet in Mexico City on December 20 for a conference with President Carranza, looking to more rapid pacification of the republic and also to outline plans whereby the approaching elections may be carried out with the least disturbance or unfairness.

President Carranza probably will be a candidate for Governor of his native state of Coahuila at the next election, it is understood here. A special commission from Señor Carranza's home state is expected in Mexico City shortly to tender him the candidature. In well

informed circles it is said the President will accept.

Attempt to Assassinate General Obregon Reported

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 16.—Private advices received here from Mexico City to-day were to the effect that an attempt was made last Thursday to take the life of General Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the Presidency of the Republic, after he had addressed a public gathering in one of the suburbs of the capital. The would-be assassin was jailed.

Apaches Attack Americans

BREST, Dec. 16.—Roughs attacked three American officers Sunday night as they were leaving a concert, and Lieutenant John Campbell was seriously wounded. Lieutenant Charles Nevin received a bullet in the leg.

Boston Police Strike Cost \$3,000,000, Coolidge Says

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The cost of the State Guards' three months' service in this city on account of the policemen's strike may approach \$3,000,000. In a

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